THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) In the State of Uttarakhand, National Highways No. 58, 72 between U.P./Uttarakhand border and Dehradun and 87 between U.P./Uttarakhand border and Kathgodam are proposed to be widened to four lanes under National Highway Development Project Phase-III. Widening to six lanes and eight lanes has not been proposed on any National Highway in the State of Uttarakhand.

(b) No new National Highway has been declared in the State of Uttarakhand during the last 3 years.

Deadline for Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway

550. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 27.7 km. project between Delhi and Gurgaon Expressway conceived in 1977 and commenced in July, 2002 which was scheduled to be completed by July, 2007 and September, 2007 is still on and awaits its completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the deadline that has now been fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Delhi-Gurgaon Access Controlled Highway was conceived in 1997, and Detailed Project Report (DPR) completed in October, 2001. Work commenced in January, 2003 and the entire project is likely to be completed by December, 2007.

(b) The reasons for delay in completion of project are as under:-

(i) Value additions incorporated on the suggestions of Government of Delhi and Government of Haryana and to cater for increased traffic;

(ii) Delay in handing over of land by Airport Authority of India, Defence and Government of Haryana;

(iii) Delay in shifting of utilities; and

(iv) Poor performance by the concessionaire.

(c) The likely date of completion of the project is December, 2007.

Bypass at Sivni on NH-7 in M.P.

†551. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need of a bypass has been felt at Sivni Nagar in Madhya Pradesh, which is located at National Highway No.7, due to congestion and other reasons;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when the said bypass would be ready after construction;

(c) whether any provision has been made in the Budget for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the status of construction at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) There is a proposal for construction of bypass to Seoni Town (Sivni Nagar) on NH-7.

(b) to (d) Bypass to Seoni Town is included in the project of four laning of NH 7 from km 596.750 (Seoni) to km 653.225 (M.P./Maharashtra Border). This project has been taken up on BOT (Annuity) basis and Concession Agreement has already been signed on 30-5-2007. The project is targeted to be completed within 30 months from the date of commencement, which is reckoned as 180 days from the date of signing of Concession Agreement. During construction, the expenditure is to be borne by the concessionaire.

Blueprint for Sea transportation

552. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has prepared a blueprint for the next twenty years to meet the growing demands of sea transportation in the liberalized scenario;

(b) if so, whether the issue of creating adequate maritime training facilities form part of the blueprint;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not coming up with a blueprint so far and the non-inclusion of training aspect in the blueprint therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) has prepared, a blueprint to meet the growing demands of sea transportation in the liberalized scenario for the 5 year period *viz.* 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12). Further, the Government has formulated a comprehensive National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for the development of the Maritime Industry of our country and SCI has proposed to acquire 76, vessels with an estimated cost of Rs. 15,000 crores by 2012 under NMDP. The company has already acquired 2 vessels and placed orders for the construction of 18 more vessels.

(b) and (c) SCI already has a training institute *viz.* Maritime Training Institute (MTI) in Mumbai which is presently engaged in the various activities. SCI has proposed blueprint for the next 20 years for the said Institute which is as under:–

(i) Introduction of Simulator Training for the following:

- LNG/LPG Personnel
- Liquid cargo handling simulator